

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1- 23 -99

Issued at Ketchikan, Friday,
July 23, 1999

Effective 12:01 A.M. Monday,
Date: July 26, 1999

Expiration Date: Sunday, October
31, 1999 at 11:59 P.M. unless
superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the pink salmon bag limit within both fresh waters and salt waters in the Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island Management areas from July 26, 1999 through October 31, 1999. The daily bag limit is 12 pink salmon and 24 in possession in fresh and saltwater, except in areas closed to sport fishing by regulation or emergency order.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022 (2) and (4) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(1) 5 AAC 47.022 WATER	SEASON AND BAG LIMIT						SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Trout/ Steelhead	Dolly Varden	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/ Shellfish	
(2) ALL FRESH WATERS east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather, not listed below.	Closed	1 D	1 L, 1 R	1 I		1 S	Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used from November 16 through September 14.
	Closed	1 D ¹	1 L, 1 R	1 I		1 S	¹ All fresh waters in the Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island Management area from the southern entrance of Sumner Strait south to the Canadian border and north in Sumner Strait to Strait Island (56°23'10" N, 133°42'30" W); then east to McArthur

							<p>Reef (56°23'45" N, 133°10'30" W); then south down the middle of Clarence Strait to Ship Island (55°35'58" N, 132°12'05" W); then east through the middle of Cleveland Peninsula to the Canadian border at Mt. Stoecki , including all fresh waters entering Behm Canal; then east to the Canadian border in Portland Canal; then south to the International Boundary in Dixon Entrance.</p> <p>In the above areas the bag and possession limits are: 12 pink salmon per day, 24 in possession, 16 inches or more in length.</p>
(4) All SALT WATERS east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather and north of the International Boundary at Dixon Entrance, not listed below.	1 A	1 D	1 L, 1 R	1 I	3 J, 4 K	1 S, 1 T	<p>¹ All salt waters in the Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island Management area from the southern entrance of Sumner Strait south to the Canadian border and north in Sumner Strait to Strait Island (56°23'10" N, 133°42'30" W); then east to McArthur Reef (56°23'45" N, 133°10'30" W); then south down the middle of Clarence Strait to Ship Island (55°35'58" N, 132°12'05" W); then east through the middle of Cleveland Peninsula to the Canadian border at Mt. Stoecki , then east to the Canadian border in Portland Canal; then south to the International Boundary in Dixon Entrance (see map). In the above areas the bag and possession limits are: 12 pink salmon per day, 24 in possession, 16</p>
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JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to use its emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when the total escapement of a species of anadromous fish is projected to exceed the optimum escapement goal by 25 percent or the upper limit of the escapement range for that species listed in management plans adopted by the Board of Fisheries or established by the department [5 AAC 75.003 (2) (A)].

Biologists in Southeast Alaska are expecting a return of 36 to 50 million pink salmon in 1999. Spawning escapements are expected to exceed the regional escapement goal (13.8 million) by more than 25 percent. With the projected large return in 1999, increasing the daily sport fishing bag limit for pink salmon in fresh and salt waters of the Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island Management areas, where pink salmon abundance is high will allow for additional harvest of this species without endangering escapement goals.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270; at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 207, Ketchikan, AK 99901, (907) 225-2859; and at the Prince of Wales Island Area Office, (Klawock River Facility) P. O. Box 682 Craig, AK 99921, (907) 755-8802.

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